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I am writing this to show my disheartenment at the United States Government over the 'slap on the wrist' that they gave the Microsoft Corporation in the latest anti-trust lawsuit. It is utterly fascinating that the you are looking into these flaws for the difficulty exploits could cause people, after basically letting M\$ off the hook in the monopoly punishment phase. This is another reason why monopoly for a universally adopted and used O/S is bad.

I use Microsoft's Products at home, work, and at school; however, I also use a free operating system, 'linux' at home, work, and school--I like knowing that my operating system is safe...I can look at the source code, and say, "Hey, wait, that's not supposed to be in there," take it out, and then make another operating system.

I feel that Microsoft should be punished as follows:

- - They make the source code available (after an NDA) to any interested parties
- - They drop the copyright on all older versions of their software (Software that hasn't been made in 5 years should be released under the public domain without support)
- - They disallow the .NET fiasco that is currently going on now.

Thank you for your time, and for letting my participate in a part of these proceedings.

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- From RFC 1925: "(3) With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine. However, this is not necessarily a good idea. It is hard to be sure where they are going to land, and it could be dangerous sitting under them as they fly overhead."

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